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SUBJ: 28TH GA: SECOND COMMITTEE - ITEM 46, REVIEW

AND APPRAISAL

1. AT FIRST SESSION SECOND COMMITTEE, SEPT 25, ONLY  
DEBATE ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK ITEM CONCERNED COMMITTEE  
CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 46, REVIEW AND APPRAISAL (R/A).  
THE NETHERLANDS INITIATED DISCUSSION BY URGING THAT  
AN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP (WG) BE ESTABLISHED ASAP  
TO MEET CONCURRENTLY WITH SECOND COMMITTEE. THE SUDANESE  
REP SUPPORTED THE NETHERLANDS SUGGESTION AND FURTHER  
RECOMMENDED THAT R/A MIGHT BE THE CENTRAL THEME OF  
THE COMMITTEE'S GENERAL DEBATE. CANADA FULLY SUPPORTED  
THE NETHERLANDS AND SUDAN.

2. BRAZIL, HOWEVER, URGED THAT ANY DECISION ON WG  
BE POSTPONED UNTIL ITEM 46 HAD BEEN DEBATED, AS  
SCHEDULED, IN COMMITTEE. THE BRAZILIAN REP SAID THAT  
DECISION ON WG SHOULD BE MADE ONLY AFTER FURTHER  
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. THE REPS OF IRAN, UPPER VOLTA,  
AUSTRALIA AND LIBERIA MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS SUPPORTING  
THE BRAZILIAN POSITION. THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE,  
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IN RESPONSE TO NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL, SAID THAT FULL

CONFERENCE FACILITIES WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR CONCURRENT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND WG, BUT SUGGESTED THAT ECOSOC CHAMBER WITH CAPACITY OF 50 REPS MIGHT BE USED BY WG.

3. US REP, THOUGH NOT INTENDING TO INTERVENE, WAS PROVOKED BY SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO MAKE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS: 1) WG COMPOSED OF NO MORE THAN 50 MEMBERS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE FULL-BLOWN CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE; 2) COMMITTEE ALREADY DEVOTING THREE WEEKS R/A PER A/C.2/L.1285; 3) CROWDED AGENDA, INCLUDING UNREALISTIC LENGTH OF RESUMED ECOSOC SESSION DICTATED COMMITTEE'S WISE HANDLING OF AVAILABLE TIME. MINCOUN KITCHEN SAID THAT IN VIEW OF CONSTRAINS, USG FAVORED R/A BEING HANDLED IN GENERAL DEBATE OR ALTERNATIVELY AND ADJOURNMENT OF THE COMMITTEE SO THAT COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS COULD EVOTE FULL TIME TO R/A.

5. CHAIRMAN ZAWDE GEBRE SELASSI THEN SUGGESTED THAT A DECISION ON THE WG BE PUT OFF UNTIL THE GENERAL DEBATE WAS CONCLUDED OR UNTIL ITEM 46 WAS TAKEN UP.

6. ALTHOUGH THE CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION WAS NOT CONTESTED, USUN BELIEVES THAT THOSE DELS FAVORING ESTABLISHMENT OF WG WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR IT.

COMMENT AND REQUESTED ACTION: IN VIEW LIKELIHOOD CONTINUATION DEBATE ON WG ISSUE, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPT'S VIEWS ON QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF WG AND ITS TIMING. USUN STRONGLY BELIEVES IT UNREALISTIC, IN VIEW SMALL SIZE SOME DELS, TO HOLD CONCURRENT MEETINGS. THIS, TOGETHER WITH FACT THAT MANY COMMITTEE DELS NOT ECOSOC MEMBERS AND NOT FAMILIAR WITH ECOSOC DOCUMENT ON R/A, WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT OF R/A IN WG WOULD REQUIRE SUSPENSION OF COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES FOR THREE WEEKS OR MORE. THIS PROBABILITY RAISES GENERAL QUESTION OF IMPORTANCE, FROM POINT VIEW USG'S OBJECTIVES IN SECOND COMMITTEE, OF R/A ITEM. USUN SOUNDINGS ON EXERCISE TEND INDICATE THAT G-77  
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NOT INTERESTED IN FURTHER WATERING DOWN OF WORKING PAPER WHICH CAME OUT OF GENEVA 55TH ECOSOC. THOSE FAVORING RE-OPENING OF PAPER APPEAR TO BE MOTIVATED BY EAGERNAES TO REDRESS "LACK OF BALANCE" BY REINTRODUCING MORE RADICAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPED IN ALGIERS NAC AND ELSEWHERE. PERHAPS THIS SORT OF CONFRONTATION IS INEVITABLE EVEN IN SCHEDULED THREE-WEEK DEBATE IN COMMITTEE. IT APPEARS TO USUN THAT

ISOLATING R/A IN WG ATMOSPHERE IS ALMOST A GUARANTEE OF  
INCLUSION MORE RADICAL LANGUAGE AND BEYOND THAT THE OPENING OF  
PANDORA'S BOX ON THE WHOLE QUESTION OF TARGETS. THE  
PAY OFF FOR LANGUAGE LESS RADICAL THAN THAT IN THE  
PRESENT WORKING PAPER MIGHT WELL BE MORE COMMITMENTS  
FROM DCS ON TARGETS. IT APPEARS TO USUN THAT THE  
USG WOULD BE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE ON ANY DISCUSSION  
OF TARGETS.  
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